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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, the applicant requests that the Patent Office consider the following materials.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 11, 17, and 20 are amended. The pending claims are listed in Appendix A. The amended claims, with markings to show the amendments made, are listed in Appendix B.